Rehabiljtation of pavement vendors of Janpath Lane, New Delhi

151. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that New Delhi Municipal Committee has evicted some pavement vendors in Janpath Lane;

(b) if so, whether any action is being taking to restore the stalls and rehabilitate such small pavement vendors; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any plan for such small shopkeepers so that they are not harased by the municipal authorities ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Supreme Court of India has constituted a Committee headed by Sh. G. P. Thareja, Additional District Judge to scrutinize the claims of unauthorised hawkers/squatters. The New Delhi Municipal Committee have reported that they have formulated a scheme for rehabilitation of hawkers/squatters of its area as per directions of the Supreme Court of India.

Risk allowance to Traction Workers

152. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of death, disablement and occupational diseases suffered by traction workers of Indian Railways during the last three years period (Zone-wise);

(b) what are the reasons for such accidents;

(c) whether any steps have been taken or are being taken to provide foolproof safety measures to traction workers to avoid such mishaps;

(d) whether it is a fact that traction workers are working on High and Extra High Voltage lines and components only by taking the single line power block and are thus exposed to serious hazards of electro-magnetic radiation, induction effects causing occupational diseases including loss of vision;

(e) if the answere to part (d) above be in affirmative whether Government is considering grant of risk allowance to traction workers and provide proper protective measures against such hazards as mentioned as part (d) above; and

(f) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The number of cases of death and disablement are given in the following Table zone-wise. There is no possibility of occupational disease.

Railway	Death	Disablement
Central	8	—
Eastern	1	—
Northern	2	4 (Temporary)
Southern	1	3 (Temporary)
South-Central	1	—
South-Eastern	—	
Western	4	—
TOTAL	17	7

(b) Failure to observe prescribed procedure and safety measures by the staff concerned resulted into accident.

(c) Yes, Sir. The existing safety measures and precautions, if followed meticulously, are considered adequate and foolproof.

(d) No, Sir. Though traction staff work on overhead equipment lines by taking single line block, they are not exposed to any hazards of electro-magnetic radiation or induction effects.

(e) and (f) No Sir. Does not arise.

Compulsory Licensing for sugar factories

153. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of applications pending with Government for Letters of Intent for setting up of sugar factories, State-wise; and

(b) the number of Letters of Intent issued in 1990-91 and 1991-92, State wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) As on 30-6-1991, about 596 applications for setting up of new sugar factories are pending consideration with the Government. State-wise break up of these applications is given in the Statement I.

(b) State-wise number of Letters of Intent issued during Sugar season 1990-91 (September-October) is given in the Statement-II. Sugar season 1991-92 is yet to commence.

Statement—I

State-wise break-up of applications received for setting up of new sugar factory pending consideration with the Government.

(As on 30-6-1991)

Sl. No.	State	No. of applications received
1.	Maharashtra	212
2.	Uttar Pradesh	185
3.	Punjab	29
4.	Haryana	15
5.	Bihar	21
6.	Tamil Nadu	14
7.	Madhya Pradesh	5
8.	Gujarat	8
9.	Orissa	2
10.	Rajasthan	2
11.	Andhra Pradesh	55
12.	Himachal Pradesh	1
13.	Karnataka	47
	TOTAL	596